

**SALEM COUNTY BOARD OF CHOSEN FREEHOLDERS
MAY 3, 2006 MEETING MINUTES**

Director Ware called the meeting to order with the Pledge of Allegiance and a moment of silence.

Director Ware noted that adequate notice pursuant to the Open Public Meetings Act has been given of this meeting.

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1. By forwarding notice thereof to Today's Sunbeam and Elmer Times Co.
 2. By posting notice thereof on the bulletin board in the Salem County Court House and County Administration Building; and
 3. By filing notice thereof in the Offices of the Salem County Clerk and the Clerk of the Board all having been done at least 48 hours in advance.
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ROLL CALL: Freeholders present were: Bobbitt, Timberman, Lindenmuth, Sullivan, Simmermon, Bestwick, and Ware.

Freeholder Bobbitt moved, Freeholder Sullivan seconded to dispense with the reading of the minutes of the April 19, 2006 meeting. Minutes be received, approved and recorded in the Minute Book. On roll call, the motion carried a vote of 7-0.

Director Ware questioned if there were any waiver of the rules, the Clerk responded that there were not.

The clerk was requested to read the Special Recognitions:

Citation Honoring Herbert Stiles on Achieving President of the New Jersey State League of Municipalities

The citation was read and presented by Director Ware and Freeholder Timberman.

Citation Honoring John T. Lenahan as Recipient of the 2006 Good Scout Award

Citations Recognizing Student Artist Calendar Winners

LAC Township School
Ashley Cerasoli – 3rd grade
Kaleb Vazquez – 4th grade
Elsinboro Township School
Brandon Evridge – 3rd grade
Jonathan Begley – 4th grade
John Fenwick School
Jazmine Z. Pitts – 2nd grade
JaLeah Thompson – 1st grade
Quinton Township School
Austin Counsellor – 4th grade
Courtney Mathis – 4th grade

R. 2006-191 SALEM COUNTY BUDGET

Freeholder Bobbitt motioned to open the public hearing, seconded by Freeholder Sullivan, carried a vote of 7-0. There was no public comment.

Freeholder Bobbitt motioned to close the public hearing, seconded by Freeholder Sullivan. The motion carried a vote of 7-0.

Freeholder Bobbitt motioned to adopt Resolution 2006-191 (2006 Salem County Budget), seconded by Sullivan. Discussion began with Freeholder Simmermon noting increased expenditures, and the fact that in most municipalities taxes are going up. He noted that surplus should be used. Freeholder Lindenmuth noted that Mr. Simmermons' comments would have been more beneficial during the budget workshops. Freeholder Bestwick noted that this is not hers and Freeholder Simmermons budget, she also noted that additional hires do not help. She also noted the letter that she and Freeholder Simmermon wrote explained how additional tax relief could be achieved. Freeholder Timberman noted the positions of the new hires and why they are important. Director Ware stated that this is the best budget that he has seen since being a Freeholder, and that the last time Freeholder Simmermon and Bestwick voted for a budget was 2002 when the tax rate increased.

Director Ware called for a Roll Call Vote: Five voted for, Freeholder Simmermon and Bestwick voted against. Resolution carried.

Bond Ordinance No. 2006-01

BOND ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE CONSTRUCTION OF VARIOUS IMPROVEMENTS AT SALEM COUNTY COMMUNITY COLLEGE; APPROPRIATING THE SUM OF \$1,800,000 THEREFOR; AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF GENERAL OBLIGATION BONDS OR BOND ANTICIPATION NOTES OF THE COUNTY OF SALEM, NEW JERSEY IN THE AGGREGATE PRINCIPAL AMOUNT OF UP TO \$1,800,000; MAKING CERTAIN DETERMINATIONS AND COVENANTS; AND AUTHORIZING CERTAIN RELATED ACTIONS IN CONNECTION WITH THE FOREGOING

Freeholder Bobbitt moved to open the public hearing on Bond Ordinance No. 2006-01, which was seconded by Freeholder Sullivan. On roll call, the motion carried a vote of 7-0. There was no public comment.

Freeholder Bobbitt moved to close the public portion, seconded by Freeholder Sullivan. On roll call, the motion carried a vote of 7-0.

Freeholder Bobbitt moved to adopt Bond Ordinance 2006-01, seconded by Freeholder Sullivan. On roll call, the vote carried seven for and none against.

The Administrator read the correspondence:

GENERAL

Frank J. Cianfrani, Chief, Regulatory Branch, US Army Corps of Engineers – Public Notice to solicit comments and recommendations concerning issuance of a Department of the Army permit for work located at the following area:

- Nacote Creek, Galloway Township, Atlantic County, New Jersey
- Ship Channel, Egg Harbor Township, Atlantic County, New Jersey
- Cornell Harbor, Borough of Avalon, Cape May County, New Jersey

Mel Gray, Chief, Projects Branch 3, Division of Reactor Projects, United States Nuclear Regulatory Commission – notice of a meeting to discuss the NRC's assessment of safety performance at the Salem and Hope Creek Generating Stations for calendar year 2005 and to review PSEG actions to improve the safety conscious work environment at the stations

Gary Altman, Director, Department of Labor and Workforce Development - copy of the Workforce New Jersey Area Contract for Program Year 2005

Cortney Casazza, Director of Operations, Garden State Pharmacy Owners Provider Services Corporation – update on the County Prescription Savings Program

Ada N. Jackson, Office Manager, First Managed Care Option - April 2006 Savings Report showing \$181,215.87 in savings

Bowman & Company – copy of the Independent Accountant's Report on Applying Agreed-Upon Procedures Regarding the Propriety of the Superintendent's Renumeration and Fringe Benefits Paid for the Years Ended December 31, 2005 and 2004

Cape May County – resolution recognizing National County Government Week

Cumberland County – 2 resolutions:

- resolution opposing the transportation and treatment of hydrolysate at DuPont Chambers Works in Salem County, New Jersey
- resolution supporting the passage of Senate Bill S-2333 regarding the Foreign Investment Security Improvement Act of 2006

Mercer County – resolution recognizing the New Jersey Center for Outreach and Services for the Autism Community (COSAC) during National Autism Awareness Month

Middlesex County – resolution urging Governor Corzine and State Legislature to restore all proposed cuts to state aid to county colleges in FY 2007 budget and to provide said aid at mandated statutory levels

Sussex County – two resolutions

- resolution opposing proposed Senate Bill 1219 which provides that any violation of the Open Public Meetings Act or the Open Public Records Act by a public official be punishable by substantial fines
- resolution urging an amendment to Assembly Concurrent Resolution No. 182 which supports the selling of 30 year long bonds, but does not limit expenditures from being operational

Dante Rieti, Cumberland/Salem Workforce Investment Board – copy of the TANF Case Management Allocations Report for PY 2005-06

Dave Kitts, Vice President – Environment, Mannington Mills – notice of submission of application for a permit for approval to the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection under the Freshwater Wetlands Protection Act rules to establish the boundary of freshwater wetlands on the property

Patrick F. McAndrew, Attorney for the applicant (Mary E. Taylor and Sam Taylor & Sons, Inc.) – notice that the Mannington Township Planning Board will hold a hearing that applicant is seeking amended preliminary and plan site plan approval for its land mining permit for the existing pit and seeking a use variance and waiver of a full Environmental Impact Statement

Carl W. Wentzell, Director, Salem County Department of Emergency Services – correspondence regarding the National Response Plan/National Incident Management System

Tina Ahrens, Operations Division, Superior Court of New Jersey – copy of the Court Security Committee March 23rd Minutes

Lois Strang, Elmer Borough resident – correspondence regarding her concern on work being done on Shirley Road in Upper Pittsgrove Township

Sue Bestwick and Ben Simmermon, Salem County Freeholders – correspondence regarding budget discussion at the April 5, 2006 Freeholder meeting. Mrs Bestwick commented on this letter noting that the budget should have been reduced by an additional penny.

The Clerk read the departmental reports:

For the Month of March

Office for the Disabled

Southern Railroad Company of New Jersey

Veterans Services

For the Month of April

Emergency Services Staff Meeting

Surrogate

The Clerk read the committee/commission minutes:

Salem Community College Board of Trustees March 9th Minutes

Office for the Disabled Advisory Board March 21st Minutes

Open Space Advisory Committee March 22nd Minutes and April 26th Agenda

Public Works March 7th Agenda

Safety Committee February 27th Minutes

Transportation Advisory Council March 20th Agenda & April 17th Minutes

Vocational Technical School Board of School Estimate April 5th Minutes

Freeholder Bobbitt moved to accept and make part of the minutes the correspondence, departmental reports, and the committee/commission minutes, seconded by Freeholder Sullivan. On roll call, the motion carried a vote of 7-0.

Freeholder Bobbitt moved for payment of all bills and claims against the County, seconded by Freeholder Sullivan. On roll call, the motion carried a vote of 7-0.

Director Ware questioned if there were any objections to reading the resolutions in bulk, there were none.

ADMINISTRATION & FINANCE COMMITTEE – Ware, Bobbitt, Sullivan

Resolution 2006-192 Finance Resolution Cancellation of Check (Check # 44731)

Resolution 2006-193 Finance Resolution Cancellation of Check (Check # 9612)

Resolution 2006-194 Awarding a Professional Services Contract to ACS State and Local Solution, Inc. for the Salem County Clerk's Office (\$144,000)

Resolution 2006-195 Authorizing the Salem County Board of Chosen Freeholders to Submit an Application to the Garden State Historic Trust Fund Committing \$350,000 in Local Matching Funds

Resolution 2006-196 Awarding a Contract for the Purchase, Installation and Implementation of an Electronic Data Management System for the County of Salem (\$200,000 – Continuum Voice and Data Systems, Inc.)

Freeholder Bobbitt moved for adoption of these five resolutions, with Freeholder Sullivan seconding his motion. On roll call, the motion for adoption of the foregoing resolutions carried a vote of 7-0.

FACILITIES MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE –Sullivan, Ware, Simmermon

Resolution 2006-197 Renewing a Contract of Plumbing and Heating Repair Services for the County of Salem (\$35,000 - Falasca Mechanical, Inc.)

Resolution 2006-198 Renewing a Contract for the Provision of Elevator Maintenance Services for the County of Salem (\$17,500 - Otis Elevator, formerly Eastern Elevator Service, Inc.)

Freeholder Sullivan moved for adoption of these two resolutions, with Freeholder Bobbitt seconding his motion. On roll call, the motion for adoption of the foregoing resolutions carried a vote of 7-0.

HEALTH & SOCIAL SERVICES COMMITTEE – Simmermon, Bestwick, Ware

Resolution 2006-199 Authorizing Execution of Contract with Salem County Women's Services (\$33,000.00)

Resolution 2006-200 Authorizing Contract for the Administration of the Alliance to Prevent Alcoholism and Drug Abuse for the Year 2006

Elsinboro Township - \$3,771.53

Mannington Township - \$4,047.55

Oldmans Township - \$5,140.39

Upper Pittsgrove Township - \$5,563.81

Resolution 2006-201 Authorizing the Freeholder Director and the Clerk of the Board to Approve the Renewal Application for the New Jersey Comprehensive Cancer Control Plan Grant for Salem County (NN-CCCP) (\$65,000)

Resolution 2006-202 Designating a Temporary Emergency Nursing Company for Staffing Needs at the Salem County Nursing Facility and Awarding a Professional Services Contract (\$15,000 – Nursing Solutions LLC)

Resolution 2006-203 Appointing a Medical Services Provider for the Salem County Nursing Facility and Authorizing a Professional Services Contract (\$20,000 – Salem Hospital Corporation)

Resolution 2006-204 Appointing a Medical Services Provider for Lab Work for the Salem County Nursing Facility and Authorizing a Professional Services Contract (\$40,000 – Salem Hospital Corporation)

Resolution 2006-205 Authorizing an Addendum to the Inter-Local Agreement between the Salem County Board of Chosen Freeholders and Certain Municipalities of Salem County for the Provision of Transportation Services under the Senior Citizen and Disabled Resident Transportation Assistance Act, and Title XIX Funds of the Social Security Act

Freeholder Simmermon moved for adoption of these seven resolutions, with Freeholder Bestwick seconding his motion. On roll call, the motion for adoption of the foregoing resolutions carried a vote of 7-0.

PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE – Lindenmuth, Bobbitt, Timberman

Resolution 2006-206 Appointing a Medical Services Provider for the Salem County Correctional Facility and Authorizing a Professional Services Contract (\$260,000 – Salem Hospital Corporation)

Resolution 2006-207 Appointing a Medical Services Provider for Lab Work for the Salem County Correctional Facility and Authorizing a Professional Services Contract (\$100,000 – Salem Hospital Corporation)

Freeholder Lindenmuth moved for adoption of these two resolutions, with Freeholder Bobbitt seconding his motion. On roll call, the motion for adoption of the foregoing resolutions carried a vote of 7-0.

PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE – Bobbitt, Bestwick, Simmermon

Resolution 2006-208 to Approve Application for Motorist Solicitation Pursuant to Resolution No. 98-115 (Elmer Ambulance Corp.)

Resolution 2006-209 Prohibiting Normal Traffic Centerton Road, County Road #553 and Upper Neck Road, County Road #690 in Pittsgrove Township, Salem County

Resolution 2006-210 Approving an Inter Local Government Services Agreement with the Salem County Utilities Authority for the Resurfacing of Welchville Road, County Road #540, Phase III

Freeholder Bobbitt moved for adoption of these three resolutions, with Freeholder Bestwick seconding his motion. On roll call, the motion for adoption of the foregoing resolutions carried a vote of 7-0.

Under Unfinished Business, Freeholder Simmermon commented on the Transportation issues related to Salem County. He requested the authority to go to neighboring counties to discuss what they are doing to address these issues. Director Ware endorsed this idea.

Under New Business, Freeholder Bestwick commented on the legality and rulings involving the action taken by Solicitor Voyles concerning the special meeting of the Salem County Agricultural Development Board. Mrs. Voyles stated that she made the judgement call that since the notice for this special meeting was never published, and since the board had a regular scheduled meeting for the next night that the best course of action was to void the special meeting and re vote at the regular meeting.

Under the public portion of the meeting, Emerson Eisley spoke concerning the Avis Mill Lake clean up project, suggested future reports be put on the agenda. Freeholder Simmermon commented on the committee meeting.

Jessica Doble- representing Jake Coleman spoke on the continuing problems of the reconstruction of Aldine-Shirley Road. Mr. Coleman also spoke on this problem. He stated that he has lost at least \$50,000 in business. Freeholder Bobbitt stated that the County is aware of this problem and is working hard to bring a quick and satisfactory solution.

Sherri Petite- spoke concerning the budget and farmland preservation. Questions concerning the actions of the Agricultural board, Director Ware referred her to them. She also spoke on the Ostrum Property.

Richard Meltzer- Spoke on the Ostrum Farm, and the need to spend money on quality farms.

Sharon Coleman- Spoke on the need for better management of the program. She also said that the Democratic majority needed to treat the Republican minority with greater respect.

Donald Emell-Spoke on the Ostrum Farm and the opposition to same.

David Schaffer-Spoke on the Ostrum Farm and the opposition to preserving it through farmland preservation.

Freeholder Bobbitt moved Resolution 2006-211 for closed session for contractual issues, which was seconded by Freeholder Sullivan. On roll call, the motion carried a vote of 7-0.

The board entered closed session at 8:47 PM.

The board came out of closed session at 9:56 PM by motion by Freeholder Bobbitt, seconded by Sullivan. On roll call, the motion carried a vote of 7-0.

Freeholder Timberman moved to call a special meeting of the Freeholder Board, Salem County Agricultural Development Board, and the Piles Grove Agricultural Advisory Board to clarify and gather information regarding the Piles Grove Planning Incentive Grant to allow us to make a timely decision on the recommendations of the County Agricultural Board to expend County monies for the Ostrum farm under the PIG program. Seconded by Lindenmuth, Freeholder Bestwick commented that the Board is sensitive to the timelines. Freeholder Bobbitt stated that he was very disappointed in this Freeholder board. He had more faith in them to resolve this issue. Carried 7-0.

Motion was made by Freeholder Bobbitt to adjourn the meeting, with Freeholder Sullivan seconding his motion. With the motion properly moved and seconded and approved by all seven Freeholder members, the meeting was adjourned at 9:58 PM.

Respectively submitted,

Earl R. Gage
Clerk of the Board